

JWCH Institute—on the occasion of the organization's 50th anniversary of providing quality and affordable health care to thousands of uninsured patients throughout Los Angeles.

During my years in Congress, I have had the privilege of working closely with JWCH as well as the other community health centers in my district. I have seen firsthand the important role they play in improving the health of our communities, especially among Latinos, African Americans, the homeless and people with physical and mental health problems.

As a safety-net provider, I am proud to say JWCH is a true leader in this arena.

The Institute was established in 1960 by a group of concerned physicians at the John Wesley County Hospital, JWCH, as a vehicle for obtaining additional funds to support and augment patient care, education, and research. When the hospital was demolished in 1979, medical services and patient education took priority with a refined and expanded focus on community-based health education and social support programs.

Today, the center's mission is being accomplished through a wide variety of programs and activities. In addition to providing primary medical care, the agency's services include: medical outreach and referrals for medical care; HIV services and drug treatment; health education; psychosocial assessment and intervention; family planning services; and research.

Since its inception, JWCH has grown from a very small entity housed in a county building to a \$21 million Federally Qualified Community Health Center. Last year, the private non-profit agency provided 84,191 medical visits to the indigent at 13 locations, including clinics in Skid Row and Bell Gardens in the 34th Congressional District as well as South Los Angeles, East Los Angeles, El Monte, Lynwood and Norwalk.

A recent highlight of this innovative growth, JWCH opened the Center for Community Health last year. Located at 522 S. San Pedro Street in Skid Row, the center is the first fully integrated system of care for homeless persons on the West Coast. The center offers a "one-stop shop" approach to addressing the complex health care needs of homeless individuals and families, which includes providing patients one complete medical record to better ensure a continuum of care.

Madam Speaker, as JWCH prepares to mark its 50-year milestone at a special October 19 anniversary celebration at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in Downtown Los Angeles in the 34th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to please join the Los Angeles community and me in recognizing JWCH for its steadfast commitment to strengthening the safety-net for the county's medically underserved. I also commend JWCH's Board Chair, Cesar Portillo, its Chief Executive Officer, Al Ballesteros and all of the many dedicated people who make this health care organization the safety net that it is today for thousands of Los Angeles County residents.

JWCH provides critical resources and services that enable our community members—including the most hard-to-reach and at-risk patients—to stay healthy and strong, and I wish everyone involved with this fine organization many more years of continued success.

CONGRATULATING CATHERINE MAY AND DAN ABBOTT, TEMPE COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S 2010 HUMANITARIANS OF THE YEAR

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Catherine May and Dan Abbott, the Tempe couple recently named the 2010 Don Carlos Humanitarians of the Year by the Tempe Community Council. The Tempe Community Council was founded in 1972 with the mission of "connecting those in need with those who care," and has been honoring exceptional individuals with the Don Carlos Humanitarian Award for the past 26 years. This award honors a Tempe resident or couple who upholds the humanitarian ideals of Charles Trumbull Hayden, Tempe's founder, referred to as "Don Carlos" by Hispanic pioneers due to his generosity and compassion for people in need. Catherine and Dan truly live a life of generosity and compassion and are both incredibly deserving of this award.

Catherine, a senior research analyst for the Salt River Project and Dan, a retired social worker who specialized in emotionally disturbed youths, were both active volunteers prior to their marriage fifteen years ago, and have been enthusiastically volunteering ever since. Both are involved with the University Presbyterian Church which has been a big influence in their outreach efforts. Their outreach into the community touches on human issues at both the state and community levels and includes hunger, homelessness, mental health, counseling, child abuse prevention, GLBT tolerance advocacy and humane treatment of documented workers.

Catherine and Dan's direct influences on the community are numerous and include the annual Tempe Empty Bowls event. Catherine and Dan made the original proposal to establish the event which has since raised more than \$100,000 for the Tempe Community Action Agency and United Food Bank.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Catherine May and Dan Abbott for their well deserved recognition as the 2010 Don Carlos Humanitarians of the Year. Couples like Catherine and Dan help strengthen our communities and our nation.

HONORING DR. HOWARD W. JONES, JR. PIONEER IN REPRODUCTIVE MEDICINE

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Ms. DeGETTE. Madam Speaker, today, I raise in honor of Dr. Howard W. Jones, Jr., a pioneer in the field of reproductive medicine, whose revolutionary work alongside that of his late wife, Dr. Georgeanna Seegar Jones, led to the birth of the first American baby borne of in vitro fertilization nearly 30 years ago. Together Dr. Howard and Georgeanna Jones, and the procedure they perfected, offered hope and happiness to thousands of American couples struggling with diseases and condi-

tions that stifled their dreams of building a family. Dr. Jones celebrates his centennial birthday this year and here, we salute his accomplished life.

Today infertility affects 1 in 8 couples. But the in vitro techniques developed by the Jones' team, and the subsequent advancements in the field of reproductive medicine, have repeatedly proven to be safe and effective, producing millions of successful pregnancies, happy parents and healthy babies worldwide. Dr. Jones will be recognized at the 66th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Reproductive Medicine to be held in my state in late October and I am pleased to be able to salute his career here on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives today.

As my colleagues know, I have been a strong advocate in Congress for scientific advancement. I have worked to strengthen federal support for scientific research, including embryonic stem cell research, which potentially holds so much promise for the millions of Americans who are living with debilitating diseases such as Parkinson's, diabetes, and spinal cord injury. Federal funding of this vital research is in jeopardy, and I stand ready to work with my colleagues to remedy problems that undermine scientific advancement, just as Dr. Jones was willing and eager to ensure that groundbreaking research in the field of reproductive medicine was developed and employed.

And so I thank Dr. Jones for the optimism and determination he and his wife exhibited in paving a path for scientific advancement and for the contributions he has made throughout his career in improving the lives of those suffering from infertility. Happy 100th Birthday, Dr. Jones.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF AEROJET'S ORANGE, VIRGINIA EMPLOYEES

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the employees of Aerojet-General Corporation's Orange, Virginia production facility and their achievement of the milestone delivery of the 1,000th solid propellant rocket motor for the Nulka active ship decoy system to the United States Navy.

Aerojet is a world-recognized aerospace and defense leader principally serving the missile, space propulsion and armaments markets. This most significant milestone will be commemorated with a celebration ceremony held in Orange, Virginia on Thursday, September 30, 2010.

Nulka is a rapid response active expendable decoy system that protects naval surface combatants from the threat of anti-ship missiles. The Nulka solid rocket motor is the prime propulsion system for the U.S., Royal Australian and Canadian navies, and has been manufactured in Orange, Virginia since 2004. Nulka is one of a number of U.S. and allied Navy propulsion programs produced at Orange which utilize advanced technologies to protect our Nation's servicemembers and those of our allies, while also generating significant employment opportunities for the area.